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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES ITS PLANS.

ne From the Battery to Pelham Bay Park, Paralleling Part of Present System. and the Other Through Canal Street Connecting With Manhattan Bridge.

The Public Service Commission unaninously decided yesterday to begin as soon as possible the building of two new subays. One of the new routes will be short line running through Canal treet to the terminal in this borough of the Manhattan Bridge, but the other subway will extend from the Battery to Pelham Bay Park, with a branch running inder Jerome avenue to Woodlawn road The exact lines of the proposed subways re described in a resolution adopted by the commission, as follows: The rapid transit system which in the

nion of the commission seems best to eet the requirements of the people of the ity of New York is one described as beginng at a point under Battery Park, running hence northerly through and under Greenich street, Trinity place and Church street to esey street, thence easterly through Vesey treet to Broadway, thence northerly along nd under Broadway to Canal street, where onnection will be made with a crosstown line ereinafter described; thence northerly to a point near East Tenth street, where the line surves generally in a northeasterly direction and under private property and across East street, East Thirteenth street and East Foureenth street to Irving place; thence northerly along and under Irving place to Gramercy thence northerly under Gramercy Park to Lexington avenue; thence northerly inder Lexington avenue to the Harlem River and under the Harlem River to a point near intersection of Park avenue and East 138th street, where the lines will diverge, the line continuing east along East 138th street to the Southern Boulevard; thence n a generally northerly direction along Southern Boulevard to Westchester avenue: along Westchester avenue to Eastern Bouleward or Pelham Bay Park; the westerly line to begin at a point near the intersection of avenue and East 138th street and running northerly along Mott avenue to 151st thence northwesterly along 151st street to Gerard avenue; thence northerly Gerati avenue and Jerome avenue near Clark from which the line to extend northerly along and under Jerome avenue to Wood-

Also a crosstown line on Canal street connecting at Broadway with the other parts of this system, and beginning at the interthence running easterly under Canal street with proper connections at Broadway to the Manhattan Bridge approach, where connection can be made with the Fourth avenue route in Brooklyn aiready authorized.

The commission instructed its counsel and chief engineer to prepare the necessary plans and preliminary defails as speedily as possible with a view to forwarding them without loss of time to the Board of Estithate. It will take but a very short time to do this, as the proposed Broadway-Lexington avenue route, as it was officially called at yesterday's meeting of the comsion is made up of four or five of the routes which were laid out by the old com mission and for which the plans and specifications already have been made

The cost of the Broadway-Lexington nue subway is estimated at \$60,000,000. file the cost of the Canal street crosstown way has been computed at \$7,000,000. this time the city has not the resources begin building the subways itself, and s apparent that if the scheme of the ssion is to be carried out in the near ture it will be necessary to rely mostly private capital. It is thought by the mission that there will be no difficulty getting capitalists to hid for the building operation of the subways if the Elsberg Ill is so amended at the coming session of he Legislature to allow the commission o let operating contracts for longer periods than twenty years. Gov. Hughes is undertood to favor the passage of such an amend-

There will be unquestionably a great deal of criticism of the route selected by the amission. At scores of public hearings eld by the old board and the present comnission the need of an East Side route was strongly urged, but the proposed line ely parallels the present subway as far orth as Forty-second street and then ollows the line of the New York Central ailroad to the Harlem River. That the mmission expects criticism was made pparent from the following statement:

The value of the Broadway-Lexington venue route both from the transit and from he financial standpoint is apparent. Below ourteenth street it would run through the ery heart of the commercial and office entres of the city. It would also tap the copulous district between Forty-second reet and the Harlem River, the residents I which at present can reach the lower oadway district only by a circuitous route. he two branches in The Bronx would tap he sections which ar most in need of transit ies. The Jerome avenue line has been urged for years. The Southern Boulevard section would run through a district already well populated and the Westchester avenue ion would open up an area which has not developed owing to the lack of transit lities. Further, the present subway carries the Bronxites by a very devious course rom their homes to their offices. The Broadvay-Lexington avenue route would shorten he trip very materially. Further, the diotness of the line and the few curves (Lexgton avenue is almost upon an exact line ith Broadway) would safely allow cars to pe run at high speed and would lower operat-

It was pointed out also that the probosed subway would have the advantage of being joined with the New York Central system at Forty-second street and 138th eet, and that the suburban trains of the Central road could be run through to the Battery in the new subway. Attenrion was also drawn to the fact that the subway will run close to the Steinway uanel terminal at Forty-second street and that by building a spur on Fifty-ninth street connection can be made with the Blackwell's Island Bridge

"It is also possible," the report added, "to make a similar connection with the Williamsburg Bridge and any subway extended by this route into Long Island. At the Battery it could likewise be connected with the present tunnel to Brooklyn or any future subway built east or west of

dway." The commission in estimating that the will probably cost about \$60,000,000 states that, while the work of building the mel ought to be started at once on all sections, if financial conditions pre-ated it would be possible at least to begin

FOR TWO NEW SUBWAY ROUTES | work immediately on the section from the Battery to the Grand Central Station.

It is proposed by the commission to make the subway a four track route from the Battery to 138th street and to have at least three tracks on the easterly and westerly forks. Concerning the need of the Cana street crosstown line, which is to consist of two tracks, the Commissioner says:

According to the present plans for the Centre street loop no means have been pro-vided for connecting any of the bridges with the present subway, the elevated roads, the new subway up Broadway or any future subways west of Broadway. Even the Fourth avenue subway from Brooklyn has been planned to run down Centre street without nuection with any subway or elevated road in Manhattan. Such a condition is most inconvenient and inadvisable, particularly in view of the fact that by building a line across town under Canal street, any persons coming to Manhattan via the Manhattan Bridge could change to the present subway, the proposed Broadway-Lexington avenue subway and each of the four subways to be built west of Broadway without climbing to the street and also to the elevated road whose stations are immediately above. is also possible to make a physical connection with the Broadway-Lexington avenue route and other subways so that cars would be run through from The Bronx to Fort Hamilton or Coney Island via Manhattan Bridge and the Fourth avenue subway. This plan does not nterfere with a connection with the Centre street loop, but merely provides for the running of certain trains from Brooklyn through to the North River and certain others down Centre street to City Hall.

A RIOT ON SAN JUAN HILL. New Year Celebrated With a Vim-Police man Stabbed-Boy Shot.

San Juan Hill celebrated the New Year in a fashion becoming to that section of

the West Side by starting up an old time race riot. Shortly after midnight the negroes of the section around Eighth avenue in the Fifties began to make their appearance on the street and the white element was soon on the job

It didn't take long for the two factions to mix matters up, and before long a riot was in progress. Shots were fired and all those who were not active participants took to their homes.

Policeman Robert Deal was on post and was stabbed early in the fray and later taken to Roosevelt Hospital. Donald Crawford, a colored boy, was shot in the leg and removed to the hospital.

Lieut. Kelly and the reserves from the West Forty-seventh street police station were turned out, but the crowd was too great, and the police were getting the worst of the fight when the whole platoon of the station house was sent to the district.

The crowd was not dispersed until afte o'clock this morning, and the police left strong guard in the neighborhood Later on, when the district was thoroughly quieted down, wounded men began to turn

up at the station house. Policeman Thomas Hayden came in with a razor cut extending from his left shoulder to the elbow and Policeman Jacob Barron had a shot wound in the right foot. A citizen named John F. Foley of 449 West Fifty-sixth street turned up at Fellevue Hospital with a bullet wound in the leg.

RUNS ON BOXING PLATFORM. Wisconsin's Mayor, Running for tiovernor

Openly Favors Fighting MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31.-Just before Hugo Kelly and Billy Papke started slugging each other in the rrizering last night Sherburne M. Becker, boy Mayor, made a speech in which he announced his candidacy for Governor. He said he favored boxing and saw more of it among the theological

students at Harvar I than among other students "I hope the next Mayor of Milwaukee will favor boxing and that some day all bouts will be permitted to go ten rounds. It is a great sport, and I went to tell you that the next Governor will not object to boxing." Fans cheered, but police and city officials did not like it and it is believed the speech puts the game in danger here.

DEATH RATE A LITTLE HIGHER, Commissioner Darlington Lays It to Increase in Population

Dr. Thomas A. Darlington, Commissioner f Health, yesterday completed statistics of his department for the year. The death rate shows an increase, but Dr. Darlington ascribes it to the increase in population. One of the most satisfactory results achieved in the last year is a decrease in the death rate among children under the age of 5. One-half of 1 per cent. in the death rate is due to a noticeable jump in the number of deaths by organic heart disease, which caused 7,726 deaths, an increase of 1,680 over 1906.

The 1907 births were 125,126, as compared with 111,772 in 1906. It is the biggest gain since 1847 The birth rate for this city is now far above that of London and is 40 per cent. higher than that of Paris. Marriages increased in the last year

The total number of marriages was 51,097, as compared with 48,355 for 1906. The deaths in 1907 numbered 79,205 rate of 18.48, as compared with 76,203 for 1906, a gain of 3,002.

DETECTIVES AS GROCERS

Watch the Movements of Marked B Arrest a Real Clerk.

In order to find out what was causing \$30 a day leakage in the accounts of Acker Merrall & Condit's store at Seventy-second street and Broadway, Detective Lieutenants Murphy and O'Grady of the uptown Detective Bureau became grocer's clerks and sold tea and cranberries all yesterday morning.

In the early afternoon Detective Lieutenant Donohue, following instructions, came into the store and ordered \$6 worth of wine from Clarence Beardsley, one of the clerks under suspicion, and paid him in marked pills. The grocer detectives watched their fellow clerk closely and saw that he did not put the money in the till. They thereupon placed him under arrest. The \$6 in marked

bills was found in his possession. Beardsley waived examination in the Jefferson Market court, and was held in

Cecilia Loftus to Be Operated On.

Cecilia Loftus, the actress, will be operated upon to-day at Mrs. Olsten's sanitarium in West Sixty-first street. Miss Loftus was ailing when she appeared in "The Lanciers," which closed at Daly's Theatre two weeks ago. She has been living at 133 West 111th

GEORGIA BURIES DEMON RUM

THE CLOCK'S MIDNIGHT STROKE BRINGS IN PROHIBITION.

Event Celebrated in Churches and Saleons -Browers Sue to Test Law-Alabama Smoothing Way for Prohibition a Year Hence-Splitting Liquor in Oklahoma.

ATLANTA, Dec. 31 -- With "death watches" in the saloons and praise services in the churches whiskey as a lawful commodity passed from Georgia to-night and State prohibition became effective, thus fulfilling the desire of the founders of the original Colony, who in establishing it declared that rum and slavery should forever be kopt outside its borders, but who soon found themselves unable to enforce either provision.

The scenes in the saloons as the hour for closing drew near were interesting. Before the hour men bought drinks and stepped back from the bar holding them in their hands, waiting for the sound of the clock which should announce that no more could be bought.

As the hour drew near every body listened for the sound of the city clock. As the first stroke rang out there was many a jest and shout of good cheer, while glasses were lifted and careful count kept of the voice of the clock. As the last stroke sounded glasses were emptied, and the crowds filed silently into the streets. Soon the lights were out and saloons passed into

in the churches, where hundreds of those who had worked for the cause of prohibition gathered to honor its advent. The principal services were held at the Baptist Tabernacle and the Wesley Memorial Tabernacle.

Camp 'meeting hymns, hallelujahs and stirring addresses filled the earlier hours, but there was the greatest manifestation at the final hour, and when it came there was a glad shout of victory at the Baptist Tabernacle, where 5,000 persons gathered.

The Rev. Dr. Broughton, the pastor, smashed a quart bottle of whiskey on the floor and oried: "Whiskey is dead in Georgia," and from the congregation came a roof shaking "Thank God"

Just at 8 the Christian Moerlin Brewing Company of Cincinnati and the Chattanooga Brewing Company filed a petition with Judge Newman of the United States Court for an injunction against the enforce-

ment of the prohibition law. Judge Newman, after hearing arguments, decided to reserve his opinion over night. The position alleges that the prohibition act is void, in that the Constitution makes it mandatory on the part of the Legislature to set aside a certain sum for educational purposes from the taxes on the sale of mandate was a recognition of the right tr spirituous and malt liquors, and that this sell malt and spirituous liquors.

BIRMINGRAM, Ala., Dec. 31.-This last day of saloons in Birmingham and Jefferson county, the largest county in the State. witnessed the hasty disposition of the remnants of big stocks of liquor. When the midnight hour sounded 250 saloons closed.

At many places to-day bottled goods were selling at half price and even cheaper. Many packages of liquor have been delive.ed to private residences and stocks on hand with the dealers were small. The larger number of the best saloon locations in the heart of the city have been rented, but many places which now bring \$100 to \$125 a month cannot be rented for half that amount.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 31 .- Beginning on the night of January 2 all saloons in Montgomery will close at 9 o'clock. Saloons in towns of from 10,000 to 15,000 will close at 8 and in all other towns at 7. Mobile has decided to test the law and

will not observe it until forced to do so by the courts. Restaurants and eating houses run in connection with saloons will be forced to close up these parts in which liquor is sold. At the same time a law becomes effective prohibiting the snipment of liquors from wet counties into prohibition terri-

While this can be enforced only with regard to the State the fact that practically all of the surrounding States are now prohibition renders it very efficient. The express company officials have promised to aid in the enforcement of this law.

Another act is expected to eliminate the C. O. D. business by making the point of delivery the place of sale instead of the point of origination, as it was under the old law. In order to ascertain the names of suspicious persons the Sheriff of each county is required to secure and publish in each county seat the names of those persons holding United States revenue receipts The general prohibition law becomes effec-

tive in January, 1909. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 31.-When the work of emptying 2,000 barrels of beer from the new State brewery was resumed this morning hundreds soon gathered. Many had buckets, pitchers and barrels with which to carry the beer to their homes.

The scenes attending the work to-day were disgraceful. Children carrying buckets were sent after beer by their parents.

Dozens of men and boys became intoxi-

The Governor's office has notices from various points regarding the seizure of shipments labelled "molasses," "vinegar," &c., which were found to contain liquors.
GUTHRE, Okla., Dec 31.—Officers seized

500 barrels of liquor at Ryan on Saturday which had been shipped to a citizen there.

The consignee began preparations to repievin the goods The county officials were instructed to prevent the replevin by injunction and ask for a receiver in the name of the State. The State also asks for authority to seize and destroy fourteen barrels of wine and peach cider at Cordell. Cordell is the home of Senator Billups, author of the prohibition

SALTON SEA DAMAGE ASSESSED.

U. S. Court Gives Salt Co. \$456.746 Ver-

diet Against Development Co. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.-Judge Olin Wellborn in the United States District Court to-day awarded damages of \$458,748 to the New Liverpool Salt Company against the California Development Company because of the destruction of the salt company's works by the overflow of the Colorado River and the formation of Salton Sea. This overflow, it was alleged, resulted from the construction of irrigation canal intakes at Imperial Colony by the develop-

ment company.

The salt works were covered with seventy feet of water. The salt company had valuable machinery, buildings, a railroad and three-quarter sections of salt

idshipman Roberts of the Hopkins Har His Leg Broken.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARA, Brazil, Dec. 31.—After a rough and stormy passage from Port of Spain the States torpedo boat flotilla reached here this morning. There were heavy gales and head seas throughout the run. Midshipman Roberts of the Hopkins was knocked down and broke his leg. There

was no other mishap. The transports Arethusa and Stirling arrived here yesterday, and from them the flotilla will take coal and supplies. The torpedo boats will leave here on Jan-

uary 3 for Pernambuco. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- The Navy Department received a despatch to-day from Lieut. Hutch I. Cone, in command of the flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers on their way to the Pacific Coast, announcing the arrival of the flotilia at Para, Brazil. The telegram also contained the information that Midshipman Frank H. Roberts, who was attached to the destroyer Hopkins. had broken his leg. The despatch did not give any details as to how the accident occurred. Midshipman Roberts was graduated from the Naval Academy with the class of 1906 and was formerly attached to the battleship Missouri. He was appointed to the Naval Academy in September, 1902, by the late Senator Platt of Connecticut. His

home was in New Haven. The flotilla left Hampton Roads on December 2 and is about four days behind its schedule. The battleship fleet will leave Rio Janeiro on January 21 and the flotilla is due to leave there on January 20. It was said at the Navy Department, however, that there is a probability that Admira Evans will order the flotilla to accompany the battleship fleet from Rio to San Fran risco. If this is done the flotilla will travel according to the battleship fleet schedule and will not make as many stops as was originally intended.

CHESAPEAKE'S FLAG FOR SALE. Captured by One of the Shannon's Midshir men-At Auction in London.

Special Cable Despatch to TEE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 31 .- A collection of antiquities that belonged to the late T. G. Middlebrook will be auctioned off on January 29 and 30. It includes an American flag that was captured in the engagement between the Shannon and Chesapeake.

The authenticity of this flag is vouched for in a written history of ownership since Midshipman Grundy captured the trophy.

NO DEFENCE FOR PETTIBONE. His Attorneys Ask That Case Be Submitted Without Argument

Botsy, Idaho, Dec. 31.-The taking of ridence in the Pettibone trial came to a sudden and unexpected end this morning. Realizing that the defendant's health i n such condition that he cannot further endure the strain of the trial the defence rested its case and proposed to the State that the case be submitted to the jury without argument.

This announcement was made by Judge O. H. Hilton of Denver, who has taken Los Darrow's place at the head of the ice. He said that he had examined the evidence submitted by the prosecution and found that the defendant had not been connected with the crime charged in the dictment

Attorneys for the State decided after consultation to ask for the instructions of the Court before deciding whether or not o dispense with the arguments.

Judge Wood said he would have the instructions ready on Thursday morning and the State will then decide on its future course. If the State is sustained in its contention that it is not necessary to connect the defendant with the crime charged in the indictment, providing a conspiracy to kill enemies of the Western Federation of Miners has been proved and that the killing of Steunenberg was an incident to that conspiracy and that the defendant was a member of the conspiracy, the case will be argued.

Pettibone was in court this morning, but was necessary to carry him up the steps eading to it.

HIT BY STRAY BULLET. Woman Shot, Probably Fatally, as She Was Working in Her Kitchen.

Mrs. Lena Helmes, who lives with her wo sons at 332 East Thirtieth street, was n the kitchen preparing a midnight meal for her sons, whom she expected home, when just as the bells were ringing for the new year a bullet came through the window in the back of the kitchen and

struck her in the breast. Her sons found her conscious and lying on the floor a few minutes later. When policemen from the East Thirty-

lifth street made an investigation they decided that the bullet must have been fired from one of the rear windows of the enements facing East Twenty-ninth street.

They started to make the rounds of these enements immediately. The woman, who is being treated by her

own physician, is not expected to live FIRE CALL FROM MORGUE BOX Boats and Tower Out for Little Smudge in New Hospital Building.

Fire box 430 rang in yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock and the department put on an extra hustle. Box 430 is known all ver the city as the Morgue box, at the entrance to Bellevue Hospital. A fire had been discovered in the new pavilions A and B, which are not yet fully completed. by President Bannon of the board of governors, who happened to be in the hospital grounds at the time,

When box 480 rings two fireboats always answer, and the Zophar Mills and the Mayor Boody were soon tied up alongside the Morgue. Down Twenty-eixth street the fire engines came with bells muffled, to avoid exciting the patients. The fire was owner. The building of the stable was the put out in short order with one big stream from Water Tower 2. The only damage done was to the granite of the new building which was blackened by smoke.

BACKING AUTO KILLS HIM. Workman Crushed to Death by Big Truck

in Garage.

Ignatz Wagner, an employee of the American Express Company at their garage at 219 East Forty-second street, was killed last night while cleaning an automobile. h big express truck had just come in and Wagner was told to clean it. He was working in the rear of the machine when it suddenly began to move backward.

Wagner was between the truck and the wall and could not get out. The truck

TORPEDO BOATS AT PARA. | FRANCLYN REGLID DEAD AT 42

BUTCHER'S SON CHANGED NAME AND MARRIED RICH WOMAN.

His Wife, the Widow of Thomas Lerillard Renalds, Was 46 Years His Senior-She Died After Three Years and He Travctled Much and Supported Some Plays.

Charles Franciyn Reglid, who started out in life as the son of a butcher of very modest means, became an actor, married when 27 years old the widow of Thomas Lorillard Ronalds, then 73, and had since been known as a wealthy whip and automobilist, died yesterday at his country home, Avenel, at New Rochelle. He was 42 years old.

His death was due to typhoid fever, from which he had suffered six weeks and which it is believed he contracted either while automobiling around Bar Harbor or during his stay at his villa at Monte Carlo. Mr. Reglid only recently returned from Monte Carlo, where he spent the summer and then left for an automobile trip to Bar Harbor.

Charles Frank Dilger, the name which was his at the time of his entry into the world, was the second son of John Dilger. a butcher with a shop at 384 Henry street. Brooklyn, who later ran a saloon at 613 Third avenue, Manhattan. The young man became a member of one of Augustin Daly's companies and was for a while with Rosina Vokes, Effie Elsler and Stuart Robson. When he went on the stage he reversed the letters of his last name and rebuilt the "Frank" into "Franclyn."

It is not known how he gained the interest of Mrs. Adele A. Ronalds. She was the widow of a grandson of the original Lorillard of financial fame and was reputed to be at least a millionaire. Mr. Ronalds had died twenty years or more before, leaving the widow their country home at New Rochelle and a town house at 61 West Forty-fifth street, with various other items of wealth. She was fond of the theatre and the opera, and in the winter of 1893-94 Mr. Reglid was seen often in her box at the Metropolitan. In August, 1894, her friends were surprised to learn of her marriage to the good looking young actor. The ceremony was performed quietly by, the Rev. Dr. Davis of New Rochelle at the bride's home there.

The members of the bride's family did not take kindly to the new marriage, but they at last became reconciled and Mrs Reglid and her young husband did some entertaining, although the lavish affairs for which she had been noted ceased. Three years after their marriage Mrs. Reglid died, leaving everything to her husband. At the time of their marriage it was said that Reglid had received \$75,000 from his

bride as a wedding gift. At her death he was the possessor of several times that amount and began travelling extensively. He was a member of the Lambs Club, and other European centres of activity. Not forgetting his less fortunate friends of the stage ne indulged his interest in things theatrical by backing several Broadway productions. When he returned to his home at New Rochelle he lived alone with several servants until a short time before his death, when his mother and several friends went to live with him

Mrs. Ronalds Reglid was of social prominence as well as rich. She was a sisterin-law of Mrs. George Lorillard Ronalds of London. Her first husband was a cousin of Pierre Lorillard, the second of that name, and by marriage she was 'related to the Wolfes, the Conklings and other well known New York families. From a grandmother young Dilger, or Reglid, had an assured income of \$1,500 a year at the time of his

marriage. Since the death of his wife Mr. Reglid had been heard from at various times in the public print. His home was entered by burglars in 1904, and although the intruders were scared away before they had a chance to get any plunder in their haste they knocked down the ancient coat of arms of the Dilger family and put them into mourning. This was long after an encounter with a discharged servant named Banta, who brought down upon himself the just wrath of Mr. Reglid, who punched the butler and lighted a cigarette while waiting for the police to come and take the fellow away.

The funeral will be held at Avenel, the Rev. Dr. C. F. Canedy of New Rochelle officiating. Burial will be made in the Ronalds vault in Woodlawn.

FIGHTS "SPITE" STABLE. Owner of Central Park Apartments Turn Them Into Offices.

Acting for Peter D. Dumont, Clarence True, an architect, yesterday made application to Building Superintendent Murphy for a permit to convert into offices the two apartment houses owned by Dumont at 292 and 293 Central Park West. where an office building will be a novelty. The radical change proposed by Mr. Dumont is the latest sequel to the troubles that have followed the building of the so called spite stable, a boarding stable put up last year at 2 West Ninetieth street for Samuel Green, a real estate operator. fore that the street had been restricted to private dwellings and high class apartment houses and flats. Protests were made by the neighbors that it was an unsuitable edifice for the locality and would affect

rental and property values. Green had planned originally to erect an apartment house on the stable site. For the purpose he needed a narrow strip of an abutting lot on Eighty-ninth street, but was unable to come to an agreement with the upshot of the quarrel between the two owners.

When the stable was finished last March everal owners of property on Central Park West put up high steel fences, shutting in the stable. Both Dumont and his neighbor, C. H. Darrow, Jr., who owns the apartment house at 294 and 295 Central Park West, put up such fences, the Darrow barrier being finished only last month at a cost of \$1,560.

Secretary Cortelyou Better.

WASHINGTON, Dec 31 .- Secretary Cortelvou, who has been ill for about two weeks, left his room for the first time today since his illness began. He was taken out by Mrs. Cortelyou for a drive, return-ing after an hour much refreshed. States Marshal for South Dakota

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SETTING NEW YEAR RIGHT. Signals Sent Out From Washingt

WASHINGTON, Pec. 31.—The United Stat Naval Observatory sent out the telegrap time signal announcing the beginning of the new year to-night. At five minutes to midnight all business was cleared off the wires and the time signal was begun, ending at 12 o'clock. The system used was the same as that employed in sending out the noontime signal every day.

The signal was sent first to the offices in the East and afterward to all parts of the continental limits of the United States. but no attempt was made to encircle the world or to send the time signal to the nsular possessions, as has been done in

former years.
At 1 o'clock a similar signal was sen out to inaugurate the new year in the central time belt. Other signals were ent out at 2 and at 3 o'clock in the morning to begin the new year in the mountain and in the Pacific States respectively.

ENLARGE SPECIAL SESSIONS. Bill to Be Introduced by Assemblyma

Smith for That Purpose. ALBANY, Dec. 31 .- To provide for a speedy trial for all persons now confined in the Tombs Assemblyman Smith, Tammany, proposes to have created a second part of the Court of Special Sessions of New York city. He has a bill providing for the ap-

ointment of two more Special Session Assemblyman Smith says that only in this way can the prisoners awaiting trial in the Tombs hope to have their cases reached within the next few months

GORGED WITH PENNY POSTALS. But Post Office Is Doing Better Than During the Christmas Flood.

Another wave of the holiday post card flood has struck the post office in this city and congested the mails in quite the same way as at Christmas, Postmaster Morgan said yesterday that the estimate reached 8,000,000 or 9,000,000. In a measure, however, he said they were ready for it, having on hand extra separators, clerks and carriers in the sub-stations where the cards came in the heaviest.

The cards were sent out in better order than a week ago as a result of these precautions. The situation was further relieved by the fact that there were no Christmas packages to handle. The sale of one cent stamps amounted to \$50,000 yesterday, which is \$40,000 less than that of the day before Christmas.

GRACE CHURCH'S PRIMER CLASS. I'wenty-one Italians Helped to Becom

Good Americans Thereby. Twenty-one Italians, conducted by Willam A. Hoy, a lawyer of 80 Wall street, presented themselves in the United States Naturalization Bureau yesterday afternoon for first papers in citizenship. All the men were members of the Grace Church Neighporhood House, a club organized by Grace Church at 98 Fourth avenue for the purpose of instructing Italians in the requirements and principles of citizenship and to afford them an opportunity to mingle with Amer

icans. Mr. Hoy instructs the men himself in English if possible, but through interpreters alive to the meaning of citizenship by the time they are ready to take out first papers The work was organized on October 1 last, said Mr. Hoy, and will be amplified from

TO APPEAL. COAL LAND CASES. Federal Government Will Seek to Upset

Judge Lewis's Decision WASHINGTON, Deq. 31 .- After the meet ing of the Cabinet to-day it was announce that the President and Attorney-General Bonaparte had decided to appeal from the decision of Judge Lewis in Colorado quashing indictments against a number of persons charged with violations of the coal land laws Judge Lewis held that the law does not prohibit persons from cooperating in the purchase of lands which have been acquired under what is known

as the dummy entry system The President wishes to have an appeal taken to a higher court, and this is permissible under the new law providing for

appeals in criminal cases. GENEROUS BENNET, M. C. He Asks What Voters Want, Republicans

and Democrats All, Apparently. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3: - Representativ Bennet of New York called on the President to-day "to get a job for a constituent, he said. When asked what the prospects were for a Hughes indorsement by the New York county Republican committee at its meeting on January 16, Mr. Bennet replied: "Mr. Parsons, our chairman will have just as many friends at that meeting as he

had at the last meeting." Reverting to the question of getting a job for a constituent, Mr. Bennet remarked "At the beginning of every Congress ! send out a letter to each of the 19,000 voters in my district asking them to let me know what I can do for them."

time?" "Oh, no; there were 3,000." NEW HEADQUARTERS DELAY. Contractors for the Police Building Ge

"And only one man wanted a job this

Into Bankruptey. A petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday against Michael H. Gillespie and William E. Walsh, who have composed the firm of Gillespie, Walsh & Gillespie, builders of 1135 Broadway. They are the contractors for the new Police Headquarters building at Centre and Grand streets.

Michael H. Gillespie, and Mr. Walsh became a partner in 1965. Thomas Gillespie died May 21, 1906. Mr. Walsh was resident architect at Biltmore, N. C., for George W. Vanderbilt for several years.

The contract at Police Headquarters amounts to \$700,000. Daniel Slattery, secretary to Comissioner Bingham, said

The business was started in 1885 by

last night that it was his impression that Cactor night delay the progress of the building. Busy Bullock in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- Capt. and Mrs. Seth Bullock of Deadwood, S. D., are house guests at the White House. Capt. Bullock is an old friend and hunting companion of President Roosevelt, and he came here for a double purpose, to see the President and to consult Senato: Kittredge of South Dakota, whose political affairs are managed by Capt. Bullock in the Black Hills. Incident-ally he will look in at the Department of Justice, for Capt Bullock is the United

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WADSWORTH FOR GOVERNOR

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMN STARTS BOOM IN PARTY CAUCUS.

leans Receive Suggestion With Enthusiasm-Col. Banter Palls to Show Strength and May B. Smith Whos Spirited Clerkship Fight, 57 to 23.

ALBANY, Dec. 31 .- The caucus of the Republican Assemblymen to-night was of far more importance than the mere selection of officers of the lower house for the coming session. The candidacy of Speaker James W. Wadsworth, Jr., in connection with the Republican nomination for Governor next fall was informally declared Assemblyman Hamn of Wayne county launched the boom in an indirect way. He was called upon to nominate the youthful member from Livingston county for a third term as Speaker and in making

his nominating speech sa'd: "This is but a small honor that we are conferring upon him. The people of the State of New York will within a short time choose him for the highest honor within their

gift." This announcement was greeted with hearty applause, for all understood what was meant by it.

The only contest in the caucus was over the clerkship, and there was no bitterness manifested. Hay B. Smith of Syracuse was nominated and will be elected clerk to-morrow. Col. Archie E. Baxter, the retiring clerk, did not develop the strength

that was expected. Ninety Republicans were in attendance at the caucus and the Colonel received only 23 votes, Mr. Smith getting 57. The action of the Kings county Republicans in solidly voting for Mr. Smith is taken to mean that Assemblyman Charles F. Murphy of Brooklyn will be the chairman of the Cities Committee of the Assembly. Mr. Murphy seconded the nomination of Mr

The G. A. R. made a fight to overcom the influence of Speaker Wadsworth and State Chairman Woodruff, but the only State leaders with the Colonel in his fight were George W. Aldridge, his Assemblymen voting for Col. Baxter, and National Committeeman William L. Ward of West Chester. This is the first fight that State Chairman Woodruff has won. Last year he had to retire after declaring that Mr Smith would be elected clerk.

Assemblyman Edwin A. Merritt of St. Lawrence county, who is to be the next Republican leader of the lower house, placed Col. Baxter in nomination and intimated that he believed a political mistake was being made in retiring Col. Baxter. He pointed to the fact that the Colonel was backed by the Grand Army and said that this was an organization of 20,000 voters which did not take part in the contest as a factional fight, but because it deemed it should have recognition. Mr. Merritt said that Col. Baxter had earned all that the party had bestowed upon him He urged the members to give due weight

to the request of the Grand Army. Baxter Assemblyman Wainwright of Westchester told of the Colonel's Grand Army record and urged that he had made great sacrifices for the Republica n party. me tell you," he said, "it was not the Republican party that made the Grand Army of the Republic. It was the Grand Army of the Republic that made the Repub-

lican party Give heed to the request of the survivors of the civil war." Assemblyman Hammond of Syracus: placed the name of Mr. Smith before the caucus and spoke of him as having been the recognized administrative head of the cierical force of the Assembly for the last few years. He said that Col. Baxter ha received honors from the Republican party in excess of any other ordinary citizen and he should no longer try to block the prometion of Mr. Smith. Mr Murphy, in second. ing the nomination of Mr Smith pointed to the fact that Col. Baxter's policical organization did not ask for his reslection

Speaker Wadsworth's election to the place for another term was conceded without opposition Assemblyman Francis New York seconded the nomination and said: "Through having such men at the head of our party in this State as Speaker Wadsworth we intend to get control of the city of New York. "I don't intend to tell how we can do it. but we are going to do it." Henry Lammert of Brooklyn will be elected stenographer of the Assenbly and Frank Johnson of Buffalc sergein; at arms New York county gets the place of principal doorkeeper, Ward Clite being nominated for it Andrew Kahn of Albany

will be first assistant principal doorkeeps While only something entirely unexrected will prevent the selection of Assemblyman Merritt as majority leader Assemblyman Phillips, the rival candidate, still retains hopes that the Speaker will appoint him to the place. Speaker Wadsworth has said, though, that he will not make the announcement until the Legislature returns from the recess. Assemblyman Phillips's friends say the Speaker has said that he has not definitely settled the question

George M. Palmer of Schoharie will be the minority leader, the Democratic Assemblymen choosing him as their candidate for Speaker in their caucus to-night. He had no opposition. Despite the protest of Paradise Park Jimmy Oliver that it was undemocratic and subterranean, a committee of five was appointed to name the other candidates to be voted for in the House to-morrow and the caucus ad-

journed until to-morrow morning.

Mr. Palmer in addressing the caucus characterized as Gov. Hughes's 'extreme and most offensive partisanship" the action of Gov. Hughes "in appointing Republicans to the Surrogateship in New York and to the Supreme Court Justiceship in the Second District in place of Democrats.

DRUCE DOESN'T GIVE UP YET. Portland Dukedom Claimant Will Wait for

Report on Grave Opening. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, Dec. 31.-George Hollamby Druce and his legal advisers held a conference to-day as to their future action. It was decided to leave everything in the hands of counsel till a further conference on January 4, when the reports of the doctor and surveyor who were present at the exhumation of the body of T. C. Druce will

have been received. There is no indication yet that Druce's charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is to be abandoned.